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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1960

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TAGS: PINR PDIP UR GR

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GREECE

1. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY (ANA) BULLETIN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW QUOTING "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES" THAT IVAN UDALCHOV HAS BEEN APPOINTED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GREECE. THE ANA REPORT INCLUDES THE INFORMATION THAT IVAN UDALCHOV'S LAST POST WAS DIRECTOR OF THE NOVOSTI NEWS AGENCY FROM 1970 TO JANUARY 1976. IT ALSO STATES THAT HE IS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME SOVIET. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, HE WAS COUNSELOR OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN PRAGUE FROM 1965-1970.

2. COMMENT: UDALCHOV'S APPOINTMENT IS AN INDICATION OF THE INCREASED IMPORTANCE MOSCOW IS GIVING TO ITS RELATIONS WITH GREECE. HIS PREDECESSOR HERE, IGOR YEZHOV, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, WAS NEITHER A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE NOR OF THE SUPREME SOVIET.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPT AND THE OTHER ADDRESSEES ON UDALCHOV.

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